

National Aviation Board

568. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one way to achieve quick results in the civil aviation sector is to have a National Aviation Board with full financial and executive powers;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to set up a National Aviation Board; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) There is no proposal under consideration to set up National Aviation Board.

Operation of private airlines

†569. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the private airlines operating in the country at present;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of these airlines do not fulfil the conditions and criteria fixed by Government at the time of issuing licenses to them;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these private airlines are neglecting them despite of repeated warnings by Government;

(d) if of, the reasons therefor and the details of the action taken by Government; and

(e) if not, the details of surprise inspections carried out by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) At present, the following 9 private scheduled airlines are operating in the country including one cargo airline: (1) M/s Jet Airways, (2) M/s Sahara Airways, (3) M/s Air Deccan, (4) M/s Kingfisher Airlines, (5) M/s Spicejet, (6) M/s Indiigo Airlines, (7) M/s Paramount Airways, (8) M/s Go Airlines and (9) M/s Blue Dart Aviation (Cargo).

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(b) and (c) No, Sir, NOC for Scheduled Air Transport Operations is given by the Government only to the applicants who fulfil the prescribed conditions and criteria.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Whenever any operator is found to be not following the laid down conditions or criteria, they are penalised by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) as per shortcomings.

Development of new airports in the country

†570. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the development of airports is not keeping pace with the volume of increased air traffic in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that aeroplanes have to keep hovering unnecessarily upto 20 minutes before landing;

(c) if so, what is the plan of Government to reduce the air traffic jam;

(d) the details of the efforts being made to develop other airports of the country apart from those located in metropolitan cities, States-wise;

(e) whether Government are also considering constructing of new airports; and

(f) if so, the details thereof State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) At times, it is required to hold the aircraft in the air due to traffic congestion at Mumbai and Delhi airports during peak traffic hours.

(c) Various measures have been taken to remove the congestion at airports such as new high speed exit taxiways have been constructed at Delhi and Mumbai airports a parallel taxi track at Delhi airport, simultaneous use of both runways at Delhi and Mumbai airports during peak traffic periods, improved ATC procedures, ban on general aviation aircraft, upgradation of ATC automation systems, operation of Surface Movement Radar and Advanced Surface Movement Guidance and Control System at Delhi airport, upgradation of Instrument Landing System (ILS) to CAT-II ILS at Kolkata airport have been introduced.

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